

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 6-10 stand rejected and claims 4 and 5 have been objected to. The following remarks are addressed to the referenced paragraphs of the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2005

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Woertz (U.S. Patent No. 3,720,778).

Applicants have canceled claims 1-3 and 6-10, herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that this rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 4 and 5 include allowable subject matter. Claims 4 and 5 are rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intermediate claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 4 and 5, as amended, are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully contend that the proposed amendment would place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, allowance of claims 4 and 5, and issuance of Letters Patent for the subject invention. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 50-1581.

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